

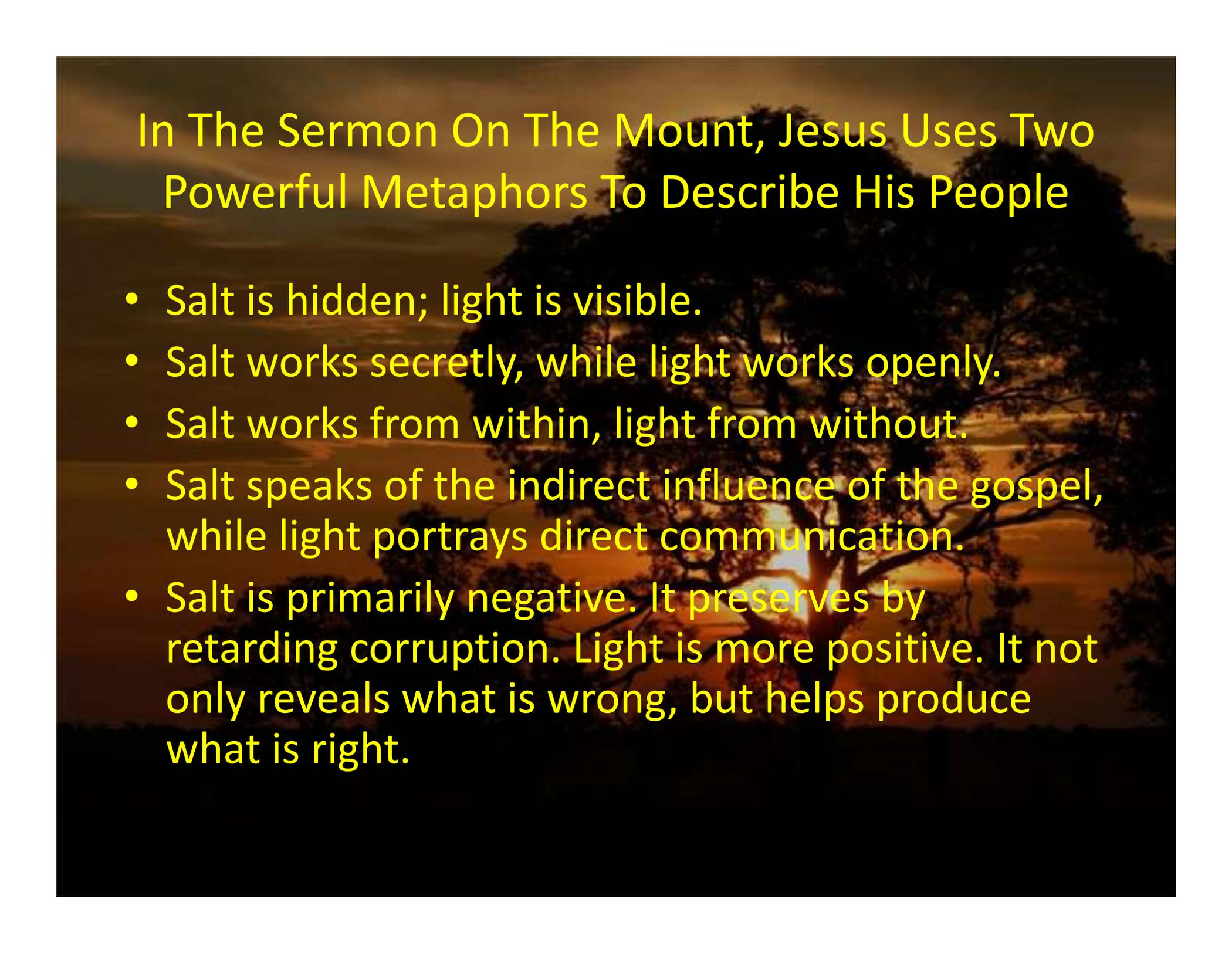
# This Little Light Of Mine



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## In The Sermon On The Mount, Jesus Uses Two Powerful Metaphors To Describe His People

- Salt is hidden; light is visible.
- Salt works secretly, while light works openly.
- Salt works from within, light from without.
- Salt speaks of the indirect influence of the gospel, while light portrays direct communication.
- Salt is primarily negative. It preserves by retarding corruption. Light is more positive. It not only reveals what is wrong, but helps produce what is right.

# The Power Of Our Light

- Matt. 5:14 - “You are the light of the world...”
- Light conquers darkness
  - Psalm 119:105 - “Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.”
  - Psalm 119:130 - “The entrance of Your words  
gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

# The Power Of Our Light

- Light colors drabness
  - Phil. 1:27 - “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”
  - Eph. 4:1 - “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called”

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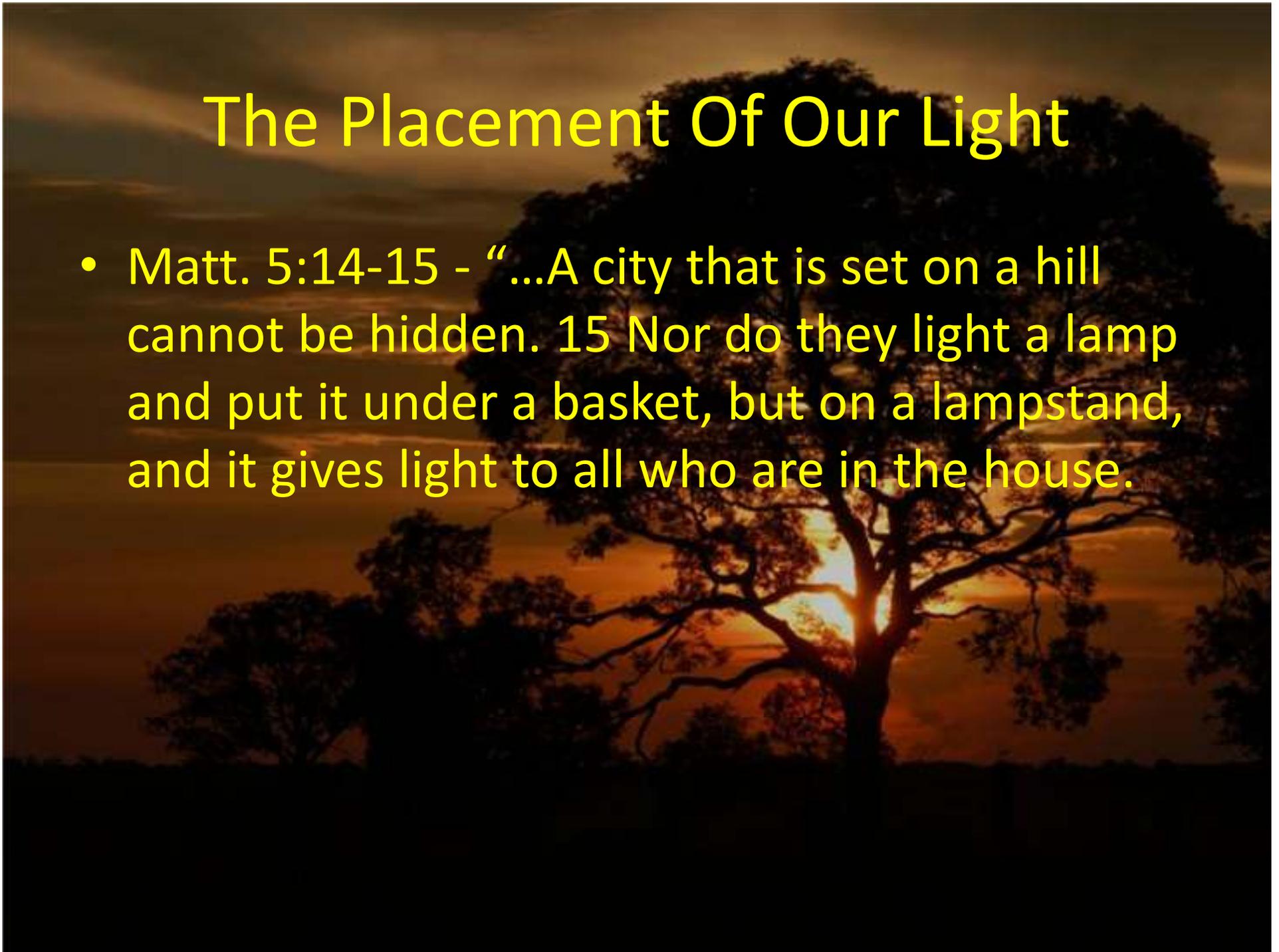
- Light changes deadness
  - Luke 1:78-79 - “Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”
  - Matt. 4:16 - “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”
  - Acts 26:18 - “To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me”

# The Power Of Our Light

- Light conditions dreariness – The children of God are like a warm ray of light in a dreary place
  - Prov. 15:30 - “The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy.”
  - Prov. 16:15 - “In the light of the king's face is life, And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.”

# The Placement Of Our Light

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# The Placement Of Our Light

- A city on a hill - Visible at a distance
  - Prov. 4:18 - “But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”
  - Phil. 2:15 - “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”

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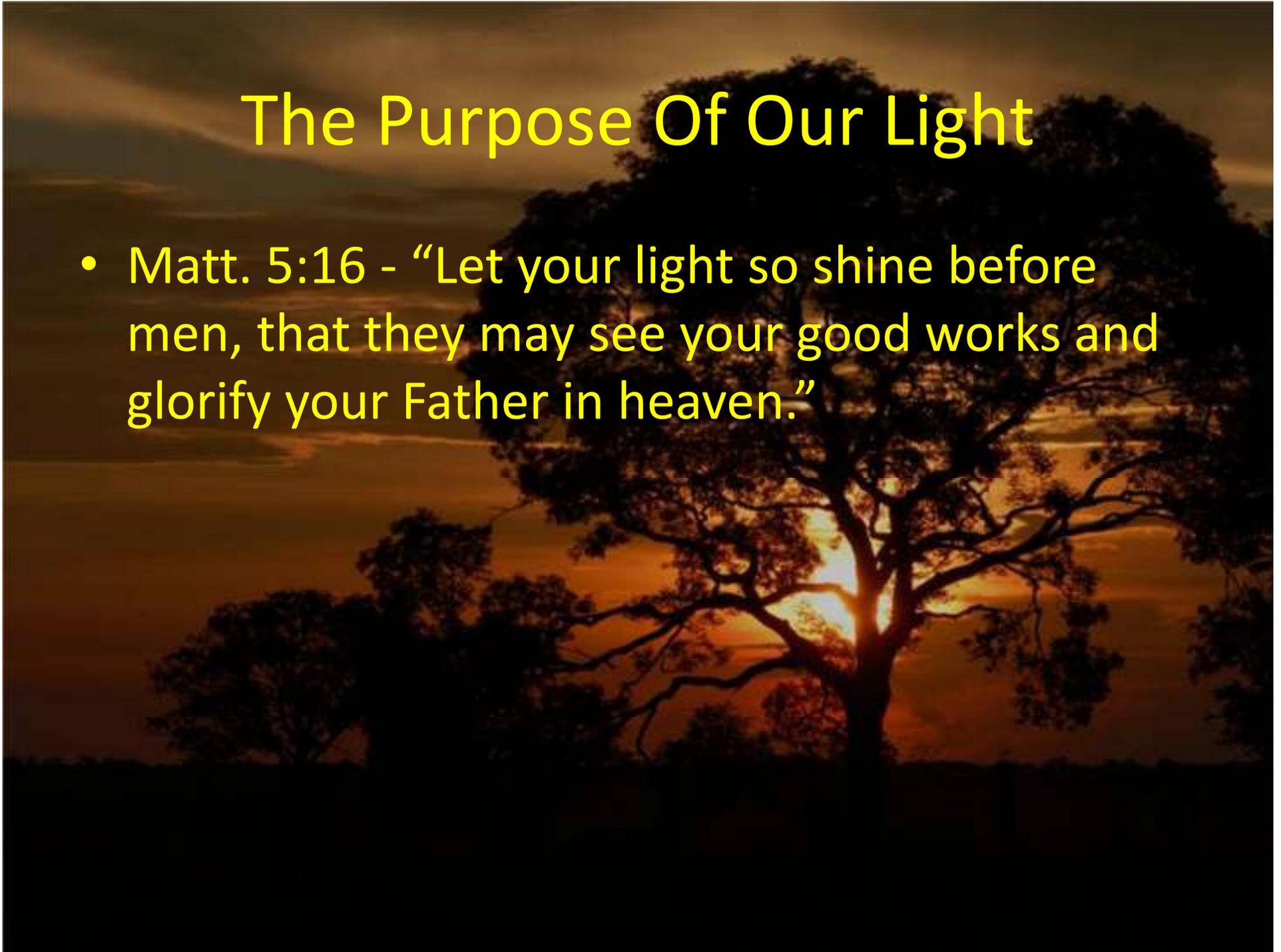
- On a lampstand - Fills the house with light
  - Luke 8:16 - “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.”
  - Rev. 2:5 - “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.”

# The Placement Of Our Light

- Rom. 12:17 - “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.”
- 2Cor. 8:21 - “providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.”
- 1Peter 3:16 - “having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.”

# The Purpose Of Our Light

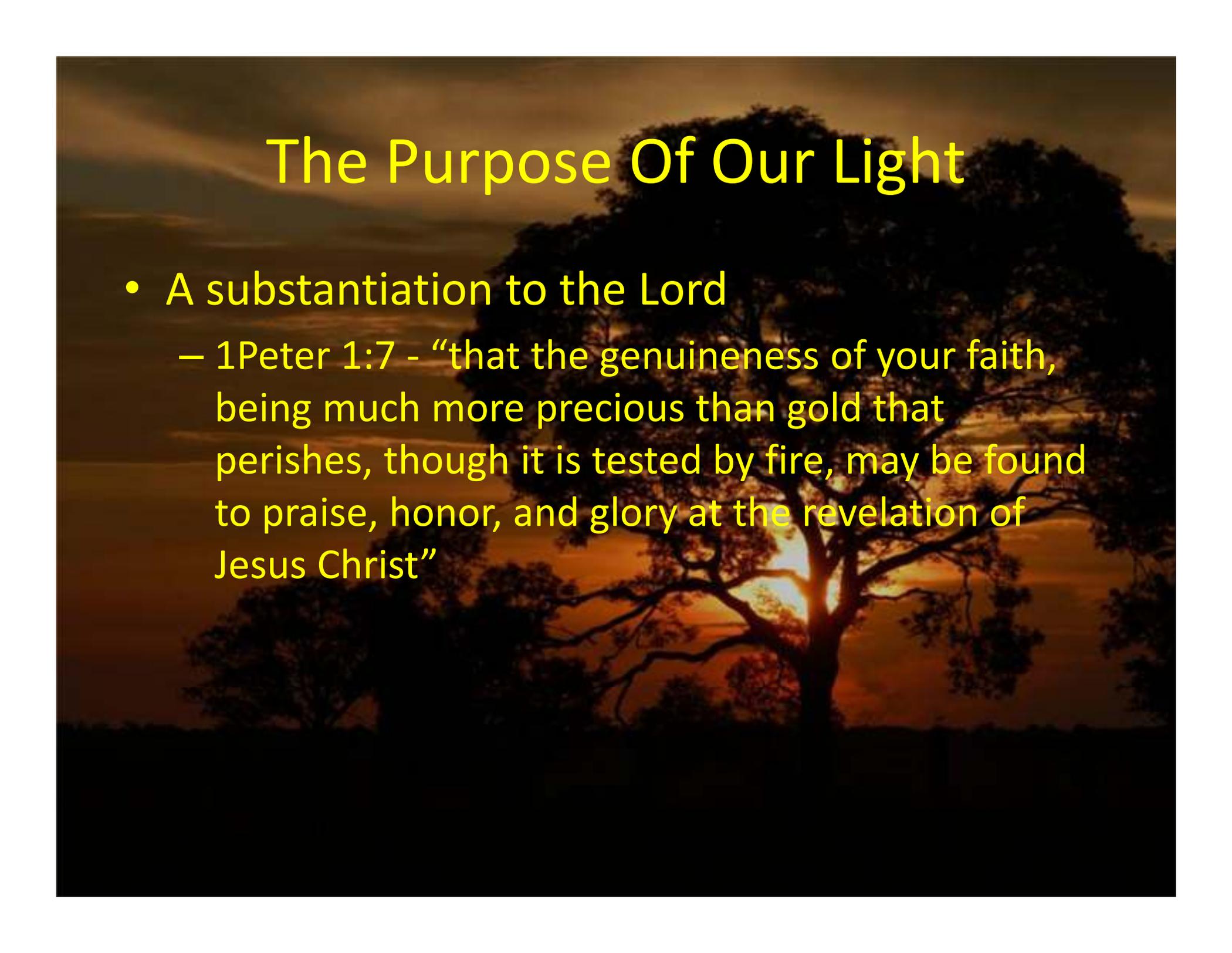
- Matt. 5:16 - “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”



# The Purpose Of Our Light

- A signal to the lost
  - Rom. 12:2 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”
  - Gal. 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

# The Purpose Of Our Light

A large, dark silhouette of a tree stands against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned behind the tree's trunk, creating a lens flare effect. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, muted brown at the top. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

- A substantiation to the Lord
  - 1Peter 1:7 - “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

# The Principles Of Our Light

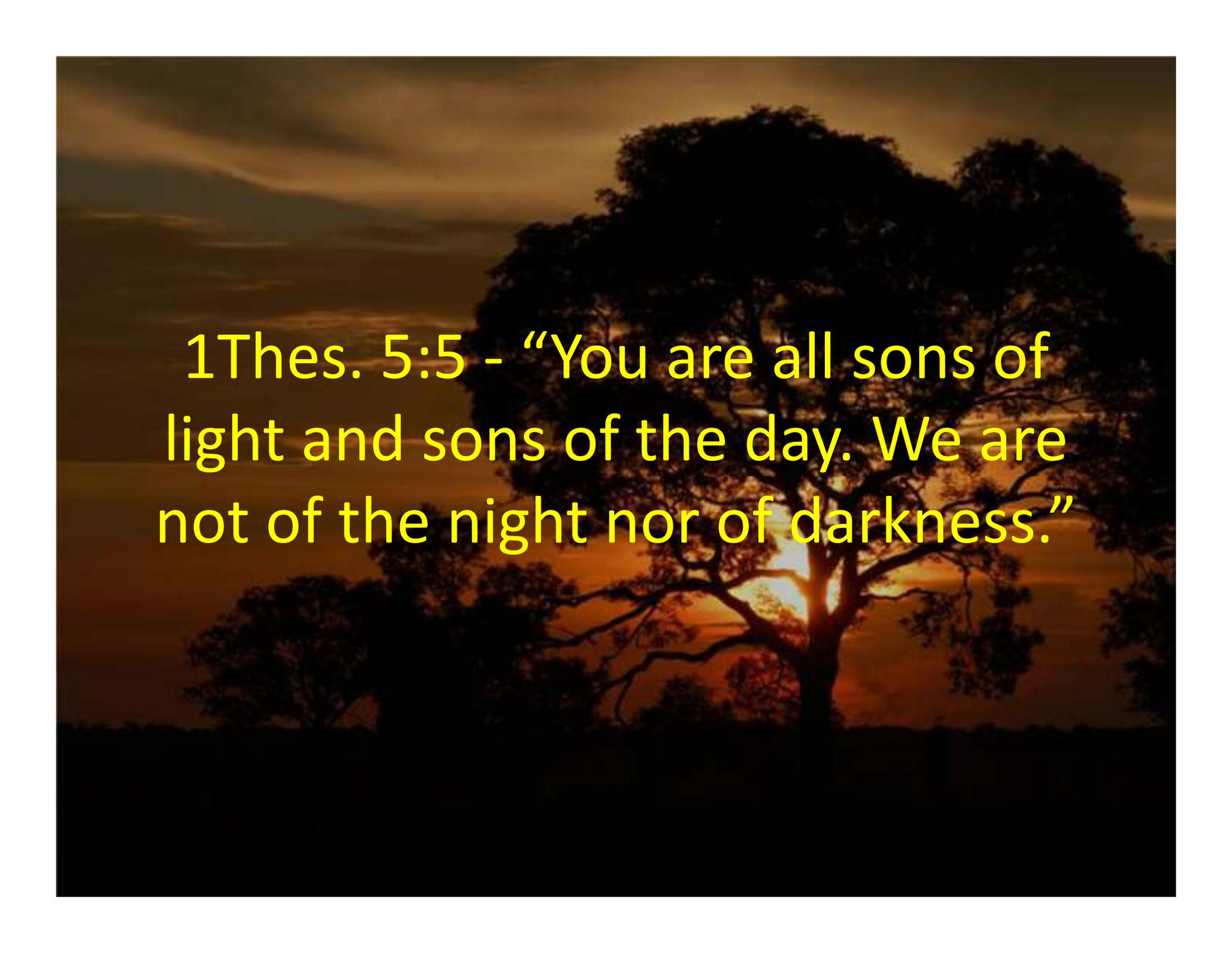
- Everyone has the capacity to have this light within him
  - Prov. 29:13 - “The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.”
- This light is created within us by the word of God
  - Prov. 6:23 - “For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life”

# The Principles Of Our Light

- Our response to the word of God determines whether or not the light will shine from us
  - Prov. 24:20 - “For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.”
- The light within us cannot be hidden
  - Psalm 37:5-6 - “Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. 6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.”

# The Principles Of Our Light

- Darkness is overcome by the light
  - Psalm 139:11-12 - “If I say, Surely the darkness shall fall on me, Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.”
  - Eph. 5:11-13 - “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.”

A large, dark silhouette of a tree stands against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and casting long, soft rays of light. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, muted brown at the top. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

1Thes. 5:5 - “You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.”